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INFO AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 0886

E.O. 11652: XGDS

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SUBJECT: CCC SITE SURVEY, ADDIS

FROM RCO; MONROVIA FOR ATO

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1. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER IBTE HAVE ASCERTAINED IBTE NOT IN POSITPUD TO PROVIDE READILY 75 BAUD CIRCUIT ADDIS-ASMARA AS THEIR MICRO-WAVE SYSTEM GEARED TO 50 BAUD. THEY ARE QUERRYING JAPANDSE FIRM WHICH SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT RE MEANS TO UPGRADE A CIRCUIT TO 75 BAUD. HOWEVER, EVEN IF FEASIBLE NOT HOPEFUL THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED PROMPTLY. THEREFORE, REQUEST DEPT'S AUTHORIZATION TO PLACE ORDER IMMEDIATELY FOR FDX, FULL TIME 50 BAUD TTY CIRCUIT ASMARA/ADDIS TO BE OPERATIONAL NLT MARCH 15, 1974. TOTAL CHARGES INCLUDING LOCAL

LOOPS APPROX. US\$2,000 PER MONTH. PLEASE PROVIDE FISCAL DATA. DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER RELUCTANTLY AGREES TO EMBASSY AND CONGEN UTILIZING US GOVT.-OWNED TERMINAL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED COMPATIBLE WITH MICRO-WAVE SYSTEM AS FOLLOWS:

AVAILABILITY 10-15 DAYS ON NOTIFICATION

50 BAUD, FULL-SPEED 24 HOUR SERVICE, FULL DUPLEX

40 MILLIAMPS NEUTRAL, PLUS-MINUS 60 VOLTS, 2 WIRE POSITIVE

MARKING, BATTERY PROVIDED BY IBTE CARRIER LINK, MICRO-WAVE,

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4GHZ, REPTRS EVERY 30 MILES 100 PERCENT RELIABILITY -- NO

BREAKDOWNS SINCE 17 MAY 1973 BATTERY POWERED BACK-UP CAPABILITY.
VIEW ABOVE, DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEMS.

2. INFORMATION ARA WILL PRACTICALLY CEASE RELAY OPERATIONS AS OF APRIL 1ST, LEAVING ONLY A SMALL RESIDUAL FORCE UNTIL BEGINNING EARLY MAY. CONSEQUENTLY, MATTER URGENT AND BECAUSE SHORT LEADTIME MAY NECESSITATE OFF-LINE OPERATIONS INITIALLY. IN THIS CONNECTION, DOES RRF ASMARA HAVE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SUCH AS ASR'S KW-7S ETC. . . WHICH COULD BE USED FOR ADDIS UPGRADING AND REIMBURSED AT WASHINGTON LEVEL? FYI: WE PLAN TO HAVE HIGH LEVEL ASR'S BOTH AT ADDIS AND ASMARA TO ALLOW BACK UP OFF-LINE OPERATIONS IN CASE FAILURE ON-LINE.

3. CONSENSUS SURVEY TEAM IS THAT SHIELDED ENCLOSURE NOT REQUIRED AS OFFICES AND AREAS OUTSIDE COMMO WING WELL YNDER US CONTROL - NOR IS IT POSSIBLE AS THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO SPACE TO RELOCATE CRU AND TCU PENDING RENOVATIONS SHORT OF BUILDING AN ANNEX.

4. APPRECIATE URGENT ADVICE RE ABOVE, OTHERWISE, SURVEY GOING FINE AND WILL HAVE FULL REPORT IN POUCH NEXT WEEK.
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